

The Daily Astorian.

TUESDAY.....MAY 2, 1876.

Death of a Noted Writer.

William H. Rhodes died in San Francisco April 14th. He attracted public attention and made a reputation by a series of communications on political subjects published in the *Alta* over the signature of "Caxton" in 1853, and from that time has continued to contribute to the press. About twenty years ago he was the chief editorial writer of a daily journal called the *True Californian*, which, however, did not live long. Some of his earlier articles were distinguished by polish of style; those of later date have had other merits. About five years ago, he began to write scientific hoaxes, or accounts of imaginary discoveries, and in their class they rank high. One story was about a chemist who had found a composition that would kindle water with an unquenchable flame, and he had determined to throw his igniter into the sea and thus start the conflagration that would destroy our globe or all the life upon it; but he exposed his purpose and he was killed for the sake of saving the rest of mankind. Another story told how some miners in Belgium had gone down through the crust of the earth until they reached the molten rock at the centre of the earth, and their observations upon the temperature and character of the molten mass were given. The last of his productions, published only a few weeks since, told of a boy with telescopic eyes, which could see nothing in our globe, but had a focus of 240,000 miles, and could see the moon so distinctly that its inhabitants, their singular structure and mode of life were plainly discernable. These hoaxes showed much knowledge, a careful regard for scientific probabilities, and study of the laws of evidence, and each made a lively sensation. We should not be astonished if they were considered worthy of republication in book form. Mr. Rhodes was a lawyer by profession, and a gentleman highly esteemed in a large circle of personal friends.

We have been advertising Dr. Warner's Sanitary Corset, for sale by Mrs. M. A. Warner of this city, says the *Pacific Christian Advocate*. It is but just to add Mrs. M. C. Dillon's testimony to that of others who have used them, as being the most complete, convenient and desirable corset ever used. She would now use no other if given to her.

The reports from the Black Hills are full of contradictions, and we would advise men to wait a good while yet before starting to the new Eldorado. A correspondent of the *New York Times* charges newspaper editors located in Omaha and other out-fitting towns, with printing false reports from the Hills, for the purpose of keeping up the excitement, that the towns may reap a rich reward from the stream of eager miners passing through them to the mines. If the reports of Prof. Jenny, and others are to be relied upon, then it will never pay any man to rush off to the Black Hills expecting to become suddenly rich, by digging gold. If the mines are as rich as some people would have us believe, there will be plenty of time to reach them after that fact is established beyond dispute.

The farmers hereabouts, says the *Corvallis Gazette* are beginning to look "blue," indeed, in consequence of the continued rains. In some portions of our county but very little grain has been sown. In King's valley, however, we learn that a very large acreage has been seeded, and that locality could, in ten days of good weather, complete the putting in of their spring crops. In some portions of Linn County, in the vicinity of Halsey, where much of the land is still covered in water, the crop prospects are very gloomy. From present indications, the probabilities are that we shall come nearer having a "failure of crops" in Oregon than was ever before known. The rains commencing so early last fall and continuing so late this spring, is a serious detriment to agricultural pursuits.

—The gulls and crows have gone from our gaze which is a significant sign of the fact that summer approaches apace.

Drifts and Tow Heads 1876.

Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon. } April 24, 1876.  
At a Special meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Beneficial Aid Society, the following regulations for the government of all concerned were adopted. That the following drifts and tow heads be established for the fishing season of 1876.  
First Drift. From Woody Island to Brown's point.  
Second Drift. From Brown's Point inside of Snag Island to the 12th red buoy.  
Third Drift. From the 15th buoy to Tongue Point.  
Fourth Drift. From Tongue Point to a point a little west of Booth's Cannery, at a place to be designated by a spile or some permanent mark.  
Fifth Drift. From the termination of the 4th drift to Smith's Point.  
Sixth Drift. From Smith's Point to the Pacific Ocean.  
Seventh Drift. From the red buoy in the Prairie channel to Tongue Point up or down.  
Eighth Drift. The big snag in Chinook shoot will be considered a tow head.  
The fishermen in Astoria, in council have mutually agreed to bind themselves to be governed by the foregoing drifts, and it is expected from boats outside of the Society that they will also conform to the same.  
Any fisherman who is not fortunate enough to be a member of this Society has still another opportunity to join this Society, by applying before the 10th day of May, 1876, in accordance with the notice published elsewhere in the *ASTORIAN*. After which time the initiation fees will be raised to twenty-five dollars.  
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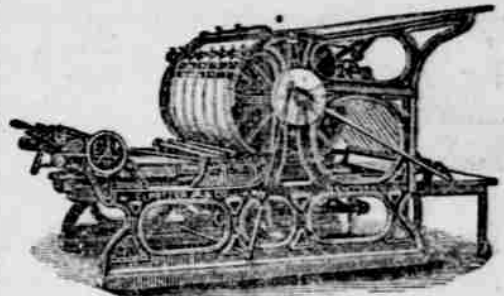
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